

Flat Hat wins Pacemaker

The Flat Hat was honored this weekend by the Associated Collegiate Press with a Pacemaker, the highest award in student journalism. The Flat Hat was chosen from 162 entries in the four-year non-daily category. See EDITORIAL page 7



Fourth quarter dooms Tribe

The Tribe pulled even with #4 UMass late in the fourth quarter but could not keep up with the Minutemen, falling 48-34. See FOOTBALL page 10

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'HOMECOMING KINGS'



SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT

Guster frontman Ryan Miller [LEFT] leads a packed Matoaka Amphitheater in renditions of some of the band's most popular songs. The performance concluded a day full of events commemorating homecoming, which began soggy when the annual parade and float contest were canceled due to rain. As the skies cleared, the football team nearly pulled off an upset of 4th-ranked University of Massachusetts before two late touchdowns gave the Minutemen a 48-34 victory at Zable Stadium.

Student hospitalized for staph

After contracting life-threatening MRSA, student hospitalized, treated and released

By KATIE BORETSKY
The Flat Hat

A student at the College was hospitalized Oct. 19 when she contracted Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, a disease that has been showing up in schools nationwide. She was treated and released.

According to the Daily Press, almost 40 cases of the disease, an antibiotic-resistant staph infection, have been confirmed recently in Virginia. Ashton Bonds, 17, a senior at Staunton River High School in Bedford County, died Oct. 15 of complications from a serious MRSA infection after being hospitalized for a week.

Since the infection is now present on campus, experts warn that students should be careful to wash their hands frequently. The infection spreads through skin-to-skin contact with an infected person or contact with an infected surface.

According to Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler, the disinfectants that the College cleaning staff already use are effective against MRSA.

There have been many recent reports of MRSA in the United States. This disease, formerly prevalent in hospitals and jails, has become increasingly common in schools, possibly due to the crowded conditions.

"Lately there has been a lot of attention in the press to the infection ... because in its more serious ramifications, it can be hard to treat and because there seems to be an increase of cases in the local area," Sadler said in an e-mail to students.

MRSA has been diagnosed in other states, including the case of Omar Rivera, 12, of Brooklyn, N.Y. who died Oct. 14.

"I want you to know that it is not unusual for our Health Center to diagnose and treat cases of MRSA," Sadler said in the e-mail. "All of the

MRSA infections we have had at William and Mary have been treated successfully and very few have required hospitalization."

Sadler had some advice for avoiding MRSA.

"Among those [precautions] are washing your hands regularly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based sanitizer; showering immediately after exercise; avoiding the sharing of towels, razors or other items which can transmit bacteria; and putting a barrier such as clothing or a towel between you and objects others might use," he said.

Students at the College do not seem to be overly worried.

"It's kind of scary to know that MRSA has been diagnosed here, but I don't really think about it very much," Cameron Glenn '11 said.

But precautions were still taken. "We cleaned and disinfected our room, though, just to be sure," Stacey Jefferson '11, Glenn's roommate, added.

TOWN AND GOWN RELATIONS

Student renters taken to court

Students felt targeted by city after they were cited for debris in backyard

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Nine months of legal wrangling over a rental house has left two students feeling that the city of Williamsburg does not want them living there.

"We were an inconvenience they were trying to get rid of," Kerry Flanagan '08 said.

Flanagan, Jenna Casebolt '08 and landlord Gary Shelly '72 allege that the city mishandled their case. In late September 2006, Shelly received a notice from the city saying that the backyard of the house Flanagan and Casebolt were renting from him was

suffering from "blighted" conditions. The notice listed the offenses as debris, uncut grass and outdoor use of indoor furniture. The charges of uncut grass and outdoor use of indoor furniture were dropped, but Shelly eventually went to court over the debris charge.

The first notice sent to the tenants included photographs of the backyard, taken from a neighbor's backyard. However, according to Casebolt, Flanagan and Shelly, the neighbors had not granted the city permission to take pictures from their yard. James Banton, a property inspector for the city, said that inspectors always ask for permission from neighbors when photographing adjacent backyards.

The initial notice came as a surprise to the tenants. Unsure what debris the notice referred to, Casebolt, Flanagan and Shelly did nothing to



COURTESY PHOTOS — GARY SHELLEY

The city took these photos from a neighbor's yard.

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PRESIDENT UNDER REVIEW

Nichol's critics target lost \$12M

Nichol said he didn't know until February that donor planned to revoke past pledge

By AUSTIN WRIGHT
Flat Hat News Editor

College President Gene Nichol seems unable to escape criticism related to last year's Wren cross controversy. Questions continue to surface regarding his handling of a \$12 million pledge that a donor revoked because he disagreed with Nichol's decision to remove the cross from permanent display in the Wren Chapel.

An online group advocating Nichol's removal says that he knew about the lost pledge months before his Feb. 9 announcement that the College's seven-year fundraising campaign had reached its \$500 million goal. The revoked pledge became public when the Daily Press broke the news Feb. 28, and campaign figures were subsequently adjusted to reflect the lost \$12 million, dipping the campaign back below its goal.

The allegation that Nichol misrepresented campaign figures comes less than a month after the Board of Visitors announced that it would be reviewing Nichol's presidency to determine whether or not to extend his contract, which expires in June. The allegation stems from a letter written by the donor, James McGlothlin '62 J.D. '64, to the online group that wants Nichol fired, ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org.

McGlothlin stated in the July 18 letter that he indicated to former College President Timothy Sullivan in Dec. 2006 that he was no longer going to make the donation. ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org alleges that Sullivan then forwarded the information to Nichol.

Sullivan released a statement Wednesday saying that he communicated all relevant information to the College. He would not provide any details about the content of the information.

"I can say with honesty and sincerity that I have done my very best to pass along all information important to the College as soon as I have known it and in the clearest possible terms," he said. "It is more proper that these communications be revealed by the College administration than by me."

The Flat Hat has submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for correspondences between Nichol and Sullivan.

In an interview last Monday, Nichol said he discussed the donation with Sullivan, but Sullivan did not tell him that McGlothlin was revoking the \$12

PAPER TRAIL

• Dec. 11, 2006 — McGlothlin sends letter to Nichol, telling him that the decision to remove the Wren cross will affect how he views the College in the future

• Feb. 9, 2007 — Nichol e-mails students that the Campaign for William and Mary surpassed its \$500 million goal

• Feb. 16, 2007 — In a letter to former BOV member Linda Skladany that was copied to all BOV members, McGlothlin says he will withhold future donations to the College

• Feb. 28, 2007 — The Daily Press reports that a donor has revoked a \$12 million pledge, putting the Campaign for William and Mary back below its goal

• July 18, 2007 — McGlothlin e-mails SNBR spokesman and says that he told former President Sullivan about the revoked pledge in Dec. 2006

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Corrections

In last Tuesday’s issue, the article titled “Highest Honor of Spain given to prof.” incorrectly stated that Carlos Westendorp was the United States Ambassador to Spain. Carlos Westendorp is Spain’s Ambassador to the U.S., and Eduardo Aguirre is the U.S. Ambassador to Spain.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

Weather

Tuesday



High 70°
Low 46°

Wednesday



High 73°
Low 55°

Thursday



High 75°
Low 50°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“Personally, I don’t think we would take any action unless we knew who filed the report.”
— Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler on the Anonymous Bias Reporting system.
See ADMIN page 3

News in Brief

Two males arrested for impersonating College students

Two Williamsburg residents who extorted money from local residents found out the hard way that it does not pay to impersonate College students.

Jeremy Johnson, 21, of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Jonathan Rubright, 24, of Las Vegas, Nev., were arrested and charged with attempting to obtain money by false pretenses, according to The Daily Press. The two suspects sold fake magazine subscriptions in the Kingsmill and St. George’s Hundred neighborhoods, claiming their door-to-door scam operation was a fundraiser for the College’s drama club and assuring residents that their purchase would be sent to soldiers in Iraq.

Suspicious residents investigated the pair’s claims. Johnson and Rubright are currently free on \$5,000 bond.

Gene Nichol to speak in George Wythe Society series

College President Gene Nichol is scheduled to speak at a lecture for the George Wythe Society Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. in Room 120 of the Marshall-Wythe Law School. Nichol’s speech, along with the rest of the speeches sponsored by the Society, is free and open to the public.

The society is responsible for sponsoring education programs and activities to inform the public about the College’s importance in American colonial history.

Nichol’s speech, titled “The Challenge of Equal Justice,” will address his work in the field of civil rights and his experiences as a lawyer, professor, administrator and College president.

— By Carl Siegmund and Isshin Teshima

By the Numbers

17.1 percent

The proportion of U.S. college students whose favorite soft drink is Coca Cola, according to a market research survey by Anderson Analytics. The runner up was Dr. Pepper, with 11.7 percent.

2 credits

The increase in the number of military science credits that can now be applied to the total required for graduation. The number of applicable credits rose from six to eight.

16 days

The average number of vacation days taken by American workers, less than half that of European countries such as France and Italy. In Italy, the average worker takes 42 vacation days.

56 percent

The proportion of Americans who reported that they were happy with their life in a 2002 survey. The same survey found that just 35 percent of French and 31 percent of Germans said the same.

— by Maxim Lott



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

North Carolina’s beach houses are a popular destination for college students during weekends and breaks.

BEYOND THE BURG

Seven college students perish in N.C. house fire

Univ. of South Carolina in mourning, cause of fire unknown

By ALISAN VANFLEET
The Flat Hat

A fire claimed the lives of seven college students in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. Sunday.

Six of the victims attended the University of South Carolina. While the identity of the last student remains unclear, authorities believe that he attended Clemson University.

According to the Associated Press, the beach home owner’s daughter and 12 of her friends were staying at the house for the weekend, enjoying the end of beach season. Six members of the group sustained minor injuries and were released from the hospital after treatment.

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill student Stephanie Wilkins was staying in a nearby home with her service fraternity when she saw the flames.

“There was no part of the

house that was not covered with flames,” University of North Carolina Chapel Hill student Stephanie Wilkins told the AP. “It was just completely covered and engulfed in flames.”

A blue tarp erected to block the view of the remaining devastation did not prevent neighbor Bob Alexander from witnessing the removal of victims.

“It’s terrible to see somebody’s children come out of that house this way,” he said.

Rebecca Wood, President of the Wilkins’s UNC service fraternity that also witnessed the fire shared her sentiments at witnessing the tragedy.

“We are thinking about their families and the kids that are going to have to cope with this for the rest of their lives,” she told reporters.

According to Mayor Debbie Smith, the house was equipped with smoke detectors. She ex-

plained that early investigations indicate that the fire started on a deck on the west side of the house, although investigators have yet to identify a cause. While names are slated to be officially released Monday, many of the victims were believed to be members of the USC chapters of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

The USC campus showed signs of grief Monday morning. At the Greek village, a flag with the school’s mascot hung at half-mast, while another house was adorned with black ribbon.

Ashley Moore, a senior at USC, offered her sentiments.

“I feel really bad for everybody,” she said. “You just give your sympathies to everyone involved and be grateful for the friends you have; keep them close.”

STREET BEAT

Did you go to homecoming?



Yes, because I love school spirit. When UMass rolls into the 'Burg, we want to show them who really wears the flat hat.

Kyan Pirouz '11



Yes. Going to the homecoming game with my sisters was fun. Even though we lost, we still felt Tribe Pride.

Chloe Lewis '11



Yes, because I’m a cheerleader and I had to.

Brittany Learner '10



Yes. The homecoming game is a great opportunity to present the Tribe Pride that we all bleed. And football is just awesome too.

Liza Bott '08

— photos and interviews by Beau Blumberg and Isshin Teshima

CITY POLICE BEAT

Oct. 26 to Oct. 28

Friday, Oct. 26 — A white male was arrested on the 3000 block of Richmond Road for being drunk in public, carrying a concealed weapon and assaulting a police officer. **1**

Saturday, Oct. 27 — A white female

was arrested on the 500 block of Settlement Drive for giving a false report to police July 2. **2**

— A white female was arrested on the 300 block of Richmond Road for driving under the influence. **3**



— A robbery was reported at the intersection of Jamestown Road and Ukrop Way. The victim’s purse was stolen and injuries were reported. **4**

— Two white males were arrested on the 400 block of Griffin Avenue for a noise violation. **5**

Sunday, Oct. 28 — A white female was arrested on the 700 block of Settlement Drive for being drunk in public and for disorderly conduct. **6**

— A white male was arrested on the 300 block of York Street for use of a false ID. **7**

— A traffic accident was reported at the intersection of Bypass Road and Richmond Road. A white female was arrested for driving under the influence and failure to yield. **8**

— Two white females were arrested on the 400 block of Scotland Street for a noise violation. **9**

— A white male was arrested on the 400 block of Scotland Street for underage possession of alcohol. **9**

— Vandalism was reported on the 400 block of Scotland Street. A picket fence was damaged as well as a street sign. **9**

— Compiled by Sarah Hays

This week in Flat Hat history

1928

Although George Washington Hall was not scheduled for completion until February, the first floor became ready for occupancy late in the fall semester. The construction for the rest, however, was pushed back due to continued rain.

1964

Residents in Dupont Hall were given a stop on the College’s bus route. The change came after the College received many complaints from students and counselors from Dupont about the 15-minute walk to Old Campus, often in rainy weather.

1972

Students voiced their unhappiness over a non-refundable \$2 fee for new electronic key-cards. The Student Handbook indicated that every resident would be issued a key card for a fee refundable upon return. However, when the key cards were issued, students were told that the fee was non-refundable.

1985

Insufficient funds lead to the halting of grounds maintenance at the Lake Matoaka Amphitheater, causing it to degenerate and necessitating a major restoration that was led in part by the Lake Matoaka Committee. The committee, which was established by the SA, was headed up by the assistant dean of students. The main obstacle was proper funding.

— by Sarah Hays and Isshin Teshima

Admin defends Bias Reporting System to critics

By MAXIM LOTT
Flat Hat Deputy News Editor

A new system at the College that allows members of the community to anonymously report incidents of bias has come under fire, primarily from conservative news sites and blogs.

The Bias Reporting System was created several weeks ago by the College Diversity Committee and exists “to assist members of the William and Mary community who have been affected by incidents involving bias related to race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or other protected conditions.”

Sam Sadler, vice president for student affairs and co-chair of the Bias Reporting Team, said that “showing a willingness to look at issues is the best way I know to let people know that

the community cares. I think it’s really the ultimate statement of community.”

Critics worry that the system is open to abuse because it allows anonymous reports. A full-page ad in The Flat Hat last week, paid for by FreeAmericasAlmaMater.org, brings up the possibility that students could make up allegations to get back at professors who gave them a bad grade or significant others who had broken up with them.

Although students may leave complaints without giving their name even to the administration, the bias reporting website says that students must leave their name if they want their complaint to be explored.

College administrators say that there is little need for worry.

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IMAGE TAKEN FROM WWW.WM.EDU/DIVERSITY/REPORTBIAS
Forms are online for students who wish to submit an incident report.

Facebook unnecessary for some students

By LAUREN LAMP
The Flat Hat

Facebook is not essential for all.

Hailed across campus as a method of communication, publicity, social networking and procrastination, Facebook has redefined the meaning of friendship in cyberspace since its introduction in 2004.

Despite the overwhelming popularity of Facebook, there remain individuals on campus who have avoided the Facebook scene.

These students generally had the same reasons: either their friends did not use Facebook, they were never inclined to make an account or saw it as a possible burden in the future.

“I just never felt like making one,” Alli Loudermilk ’11 said. “I hated Myspace in high school so I didn’t think Facebook would be any better.”

Many non-users feel it is simply unnecessary.

FACEBOOK FEATURES
a two-part series
LAST TUESDAY: Professors join Facebook, keep in touch with students
TODAY: A look at the students who forego the social phenomenon

“There are other ways to be social,” Jane Goodall ’11 said. “I’d much rather be more proactive and use the phone or instant message my friends.”

Someer Onsha ’09 felt the same.

“It just doesn’t seem necessary — I get by without it,” he said. “[When looking for events on campus], there are plenty of other avenues to take; between friends and Sam Sadler’s e-mails, I’ve got all my bases pretty much covered.”

Sometimes non-users find their lack of an account an inconvenience, but they say these obstacles seem insignificant in the long run.

“I couldn’t get personal information on people my fraternity was thinking about rushing, and that was really annoying,” Kevin Roelofs ’08 said.

Roelofs had a Facebook account but deleted it.

“I couldn’t keep up with the pictures of me that other people were posting, and I’m

not sure when something embarrassing will come up,” he said. “I’m applying to medical schools and don’t want to be turned away for pictures.”

Mike Roberts ’08 agrees; he transferred to the College during the fall of 2006 after spending his first two college years in the Northern Virginia community college system.

“[In an environment] riddled with commuters and adult students ... Facebook certainly wasn’t something a majority of students had,” he said.

Adults with children or individuals holding full-time jobs probably did not have time to engage in “Facebooking,” Roberts said.

“Upon coming to [the College] and hearing hardcore about Facebook, it simply sounded, well, silly,” Roberts said. “After experiencing the workplace and the ‘real world,’ getting a Facebook account seemed to me a step backwards into a realm that I felt I had already left — like high school.”

Although these Facebook abstainers have

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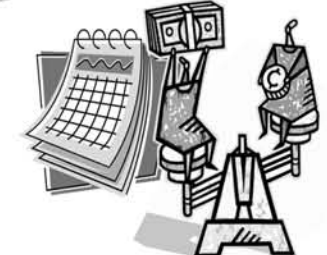
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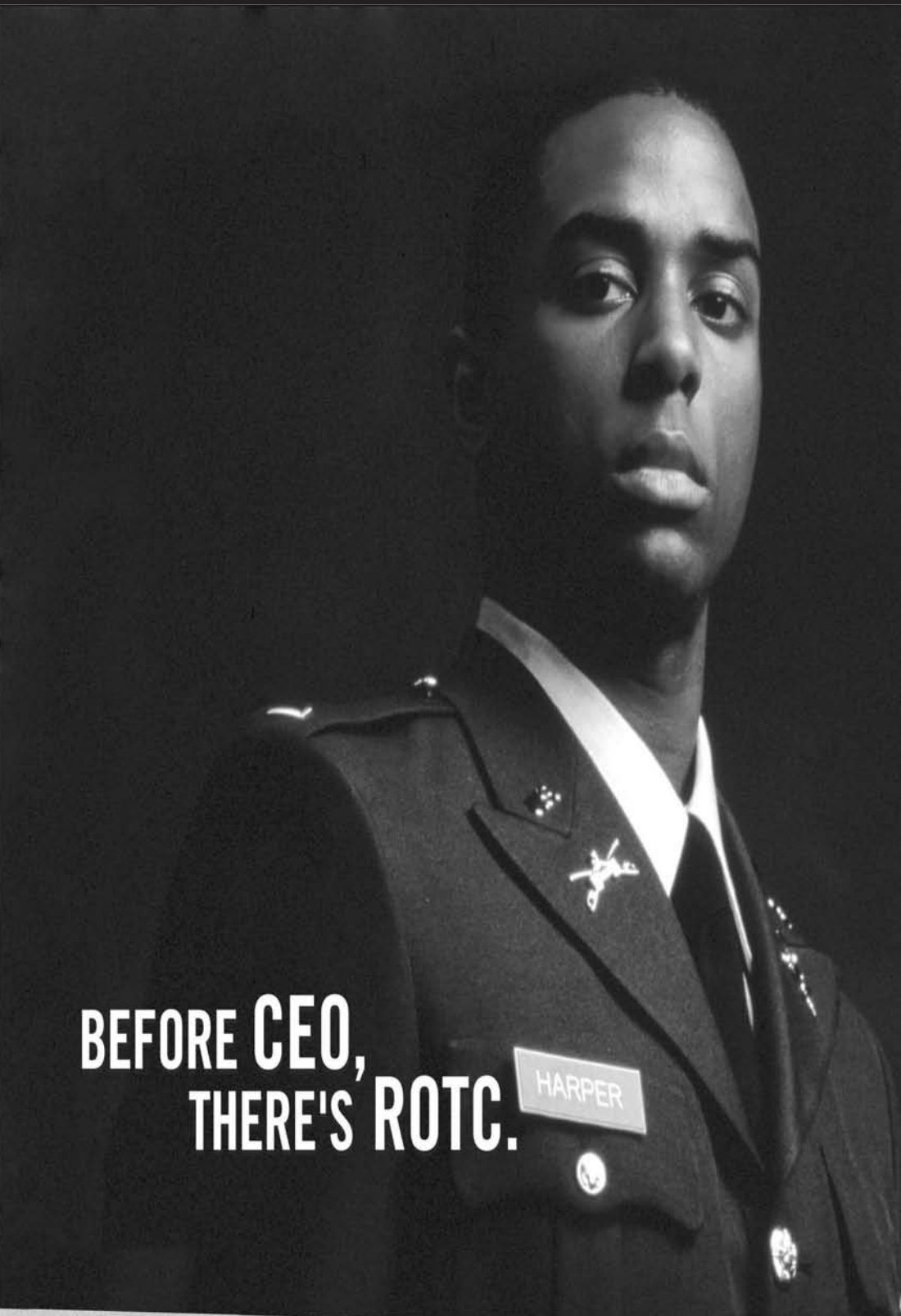
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Wednesday	Nov 14, 4:00 p.m.

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College student attacked, robbed

Incident occured on Jamestown Road after a dorm party

By ISSHIN TESHIMA
Flat Hat Insight Editor

A female College student was assaulted and robbed on Jamestown Road while walking home from a party in Jamestown South at 2:13 a.m. Oct. 27.

The suspect approached the student on the right side of the street and first asked where the party was taking place.

He then proceeded to steal the student’s purse, injuring her face and arm in the process. The student’s injuries were not serious.

The suspect, a black male, is thought to be about 5’9” and in his early 20s.

At the time of the incident, the victim reported the suspect as wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and a knit hat with a brim.

Since the assault and robbery occurred beyond

College property, the Williamsburg Police Department has been handling the investigation.

According to a Williamsburg police representative, 12 assaults and robberies occur each year on average.

Of those incidents, the number of robberies that actually involve College students are few.

“All suspects meet three criteria: the ability, the desire and the opportunity,” the representative said. “We cannot change the ability or the desire, but as citizens we can avoid giving them the [opportunity] to commit the crime.”

To prevent robberies, the Williamsburg Police Department suggests being smart in one’s decisions and always traveling in groups.

“Avoid being by yourself out late at night,” the representative said. “If you see something suspicious, don’t be afraid to call the police department.”

Green & Gold deemed success

College’s second annual dance event raises money for various clubs on campus

By MARIA MOY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Organizers said that the College’s annual Green and Gold Affair was a success, raising money for various student organizations.

The event sold 1,100 tickets, and half of all ticket sales went to student organizations.

The event allows students to designate the sale of their \$10 ticket to the campus organization of their choice.

AIDS Tanzania, a service organization dedicated to combating the spread of HIV and AIDS in eastern Africa, earned the most money.

“Our goal in the dance was to allow an opportunity for any organization to make money ... even those that are often overlooked by other fund sources,” Green and Gold Executive President Samantha Fein–Helfman ’09 said.

Greek, academic, community service, athletic and special interest groups participated in the fundraising.

Only 38 student organizations were allowed to pre-register to receive donations from ticket sales.

The organizations were chosen on a first-come,

first-served basis to maximize profits for those involved.

All of the organizations made profits ranging from \$60 to \$405.

The Greek organizations plan on donating their profits to their respective philanthropies, Fien-Helfman said.

Green and Gold Affair Fundraising

Organizations	Raised (\$)
1) AIDS Tanzania	405
2) Varsity Track and Field	355
3) Global Village Project	305
4) Up ‘Til Dawn	305
5) Kappa Alpha Theta	275
6) APO	265
7) Bequia Sunshine Project	255
8) Campus Kitchens	215
9) Class of 2010	170
10) Kappa Delta	170
11) W&M Medical Relief	165
12) William and Mary Choir	160
13) Intervarsity	155
14) Catholic Campus Ministry	135
15) Outdoors Club	130

Under the

M C R S C O P E

DROUGHTS THREATEN NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES

Ethan Theuerkauf

FLAT HAT SCIENCE COLUMNIST



High temperatures and increased droughts have led to a water shortage that is putting strains on agriculture and drinking water production across the nation.

Water shortages in Virginia have led Gov. Tim Kaine to declare the commonwealth in a state of agricultural disaster and to enact restrictions such as open air burning bans across the state in order to mitigate the adverse effects of the water deficit.

Virginia is suffering from abnormally dry conditions. Around 85 percent of the state, including Williamsburg, is experiencing a severe drought, while 5 percent of the state, mostly in extreme southwestern Virginia, is experiencing an exceptional drought.

The recent rain brought a much-needed reprieve from the major water deficit but ultimately did not fix the shortage.

Most rivers in Virginia are now flowing normally due to the rain, but there are several that are still experiencing low flow. The Appomattox River near Matoaca, Va., and the North Fork of the Shenandoah River near Cootes Store and Strasburg, Va. are still in low-flow conditions, despite the rain.

Forest fires in Virginia are also on the rise due to the unusually dry and hot conditions.

According to the Virginia Department of Forestry, there have been 79 fires that have burned 704 acres since Oct. 15. Two homes and three structures were damaged in these fires.

Virginia forests range from 300 to 500 on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index, which is a measure of the dryness of the soil and of duff layers. Values of 200 to 400 indicate the tendency for fires to ignite and spread relatively easily, but large logs and debris are unable to burn in these values. Values of 400 to 600 indicate the potential for larger debris to burn. These fires can smolder and burn for several days, making attempts to control them more difficult.

Another aspect of the water shortages fac-

ing Virginia is in the freshwater inflow into the Chesapeake Bay by tributary rivers.

September’s average freshwater inflow was around 14,500 cubic feet per second, which is about 41 percent less than the 35,800 cubic feet per second that is the usual average. This is the 16th lowest inflow on record since the first measurements were taken in 1937.

Droughts have had major impacts on water supplies in rural and agricultural areas. The United States Department of Agriculture declared 78 counties and 34 cities in Virginia natural disaster areas due to high temperatures and drought.

The city of Richmond, Albemarle County — which surrounds Charlottesville — and Loudon and Fairfax Counties in Northern Virginia have all experienced the drought’s negative impacts, including fires and mandatory water restrictions.

The water deficit is not only causing problems in the state, but is also wreaking havoc across the United States, including Georgia, Florida, New York and New Mexico.

The federal government predicts that within the next five years, 36 states will have water shortages due to increased temperatures, drought, population and urban sprawl, waste and excess of current water resources.


The United States Geological Survey estimated that in the year 2000, the U.S. used 148 trillion gallons of water, which equates to around 500,000 gallons of water per person.

Coastal states face future water resource problems due to increased populations and depleting water levels resulting from the overuse of resources and saltwater intrusion into fresh groundwater.

The water crisis is occurring globally as well, with the continents of Australia, Asia and Africa experiencing current water shortages and droughts.

The International Panel on Climate Change suggests that by the year 2050, up to 2 billion people could face major water shortages.

Regardless of whether or not future water shortages will be as drastic as projected, one thing is sure: there is not enough freshwater on Earth to supply water limitlessly to a growing global population. Current and future water policy will have to center around conservation and alternative methods of water extraction to ensure that the world will have adequate water supplies.



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The Wolf Law Library at the College’s Marshall-Wythe Law School opened to students Oct. 24. The complete renovation, a \$16.8 million project, took two years to complete. The funding came from a major gift from Hank Wolf ’64 J.D. ’66 and his wife, Dixie. Wolf is the Vice Rector of the Board of Visitors.

Facebook still optional, despite wide popularity

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thus far avoided the website, there has been encouragement from peers to acquire an account.

“My friends all have one and they always say I should get one, but I really don’t see the need,” Loudermilk said.

For Goodall, pressure from friends to start a Facebook account has decreased in recent months.

“During orientation people were always encouraging me to get [on] Facebook, but now many people remain indifferent to the fact that I don’t have one,” Goodall said.

Some individuals without Facebook remarked that they receive compliments for maintaining their Facebook celibacy. Roelofs sees other benefits.

“I think it worked out in the end because I got more phone numbers,” he said.

These students do not represent the majority on campus; most feel they cannot live without

Facebook.

“Because my cell reception here sucks, Facebook is a way for me to communicate with friends from other schools — it saves my life,” Maisha Hossain ’11 said.

The College’s Facebook network is not lacking in membership; as of Oct. 21, the network had 12,806 members including graduate and undergraduate students and alumni.

Enrollment at the college is around 7,500 students; about 5,500 of those are undergraduates.

High school use of Facebook varies, but most create an account upon entering college.

Sarah Rybarczyk ’11, from Washington state, explained that she only got a Facebook account “to stalk [her] roommate.”

“Everyone in my high school used MySpace instead of Facebook,” Rybarczyk said. “Even then I didn’t have a MySpace because I could see my friends every day. I only got a Facebook [account] to contact my roommate over [the] summer, and now I hardly use it.”

New Bias Report System criticized

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“Personally, I don’t think we would take any action unless we knew who filed the report,” Sadler said.

“[We’re saying,] if you want to tell us about something, do it. It can give [us] a gauge of the tenor of this College. Is it useful beyond that? No.”

Sadler added that the current wording on the website about how to react to unnamed complaints may be a little unclear.

In response to those who say that the system gives too much discretion to the administration, Sadler pointed out that some level of trust in the administration would be necessary for anything to happen.

“It seems to me that at a college like William and Mary, the students, administrators and faculty make pretty sound judgments most of the time,” he said.

Blogs such as instapundit.com, which get over a million visitors a week, have posted on the issue.

“I’ve heard of speech codes, but I’ve never heard of anything quite like this,” National Review Online columnist Stanley Kurtz wrote in his post titled “East Germany Hits Virginia.”

Kurtz does not agree with Sadler’s assessment of the competency of College administrators.

“Given this history of administrative conduct (or misconduct) those who do not share President Nichols’ views on what constitutes bias in the matter of the Wren Cross episode — and beyond — seem to me to have a very real basis for fearing abuse of the new Bias Reporting System,” he wrote in a post yesterday.

Brian Whitson, director of news services at the College, said that many other colleges have nearly identical reporting systems.

The list includes the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Georgetown University, Cornell and the University of Wisconsin in Madsion, among others.

Concerns about free speech also arose at many of those colleges when the systems were first implemented, and parallels to Orwell’s 1984 were also drawn.

There were 64 bias reports filed at the University of Virginia in 2006, according to a column in the Cavalier Daily, the student newspaper.

Sadler said that the decision to institute the Bias Reporting System was made by the Diversity Committee at the College, and that it was not prompted by any particular incident.

He added that the committee looked at the systems in place at other schools when designing one for the College.

Nichol scrutinized for last year’s retracted donation

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million pledge.

“I knew that Mr. McGlothlin was upset with the decision I’d made on the cross, and I was concerned about it — I was concerned it would affect his future giving to the College,” Nichol said. “I did not know and did not believe that he was revoking this prior pledge.”

ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org spokesman Jim Jones ’82, who gave a presentation in July to several BOV members urging them to fire Nichol, believes that the president

lied to the College community in order to improve his image during the Wren cross controversy.

“In late 2006 and early 2007, Nichol was in the midst of a public relations nightmare,” Jones said. “Nichol needed to be able to release some good news to show that his ship of state was still afloat. Thus, there is a clear motivation for Nichol to have ignored the information on the withdrawal of the \$12 million donation.”

Last February, the Daily Press obtained a letter sent by McGlothlin to a former BOV member saying that he was withholding a large

contribution to the College.

The revoked donation caused the Campaign for William and Mary to fall back below its \$500 million goal, which it later surpassed before its June 30 end date.

The Wren Cross controversy and its aftermath have divided members of the College community, with students and faculty largely in support of Nichol.

The Facebook.com group “Renew Gene Nichol’s Presidency” has 792 members, while Should-NicholBeRenewed.org’s petition calling on the BOV to fire Nichol has 684 signatures.

Students renters claimed to be targeted in house citations

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remove the lawn furniture, garden tools or inflatable pool that had been photographed during the inspection.

According to Shelly, the inspector testified in court that the initial photographs of the inspection had not developed. Therefore, he provided photos taken from the neighbor’s yard.

After failing subsequent inspections, Shelly was taken to civil court for not removing the debris from Casebolt and Flanagan’s backyard. He was found guilty.

The source of the complaint that led to the initial inspection is unknown. According to Casebolt, Flanagan and Shelly, neither of their neighbors had contacted the city regarding the backyard.

Following the verdict, Casebolt and Flanagan said that the city hired contractors to remove debris from their backyard. Casebolt and Flanagan said that this debris included lawn furniture and garden tools. A compliance officer allegedly showed up at the house to remove the debris.

After Casebolt and Flanagan threatened to call the police, the compliance officer overseeing the removal consulted with the city attorney handling the case. The furniture and tools were immediately

returned. The contractors left the yard in the same condition they had found it.

When the case went to the docket court on appeal in May, the city dropped the charges, citing that Shelly had complied and passed an inspection that took place that day. Shelly told the judge he had done nothing to comply with the city complaint.

Although all charges against Shelly, Casebolt and Flanagan were dropped, they said they felt the city infringed upon their rights. Casebolt and Flanagan said they do not know how the city inspector gained access to their backyard to remove their belongings.

“We were treated as a nuisance,” Casebolt said.

Shelly agreed.

“I do not believe what happened at that house would have happened at a typical rental house,” Shelly said. “In my opinion, it’s because it’s a student house.”

Banton claims students do not receive more complaints than other renters. He said the city handles complaints regarding student renters no differently than it handles other complaints.

Banton said that every resident has to comply with the same code.

“Everything that’s written up, it’s out of the book,” he said. “Being in Williamsburg, there are codes you have to adhere to.”

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What's News— In Business and Finance

Apple Eats Away At Windows' Lead

Apple's Macintosh computer business continues to dramatically outpace industry growth rates, and the company's new iPhone is also building momentum.

Those trends helped Apple's profit rise 67% in its fiscal fourth quarter, underscoring how the company's personal-computer business is thriving even as Apple attempts to break into new markets. Analysts said its strong sales suggest Apple's three main businesses—computers, iPods and iPhones—are helping one another. Owners of iPods, for example, may decide to buy Macs and iPhones based on their satisfaction with the iPod.

Apple executives said most of its iPods have been sold to Windows users, not Mac users. In a sign that the company is winning over more users from Windows, Apple said more than 50% of the customers buying new Macs didn't previously own an Apple computer.

AT&T Will Offer Napster Song Catalog

AT&T will make Napster's catalog of more than five million songs available for purchase and wireless downloading early next month.

AT&T hasn't yet announced which devices will work with the new music service. The new service won't work with the iPhone, which is tied to Apple's iTunes and lets users load music only from their computers or when they are connected to a Wi-Fi network, not through a cellular signal.

Songs will cost \$1.99 each, and users who download a song to their phones will get an e-mail allowing them to put a second copy on their computers.

Only a tiny portion of mobile users have taken advantage of over-the-air download capability, but some of the development has been stymied by network speeds, a limited catalog of music available and rights-management disputes.

Google Is Under Fire Over Its Orkut Site

Google has gotten in hot water over its Web site Orkut, which like other social-networking sites allows people to swap information and create personal Web pages.

While many Americans have never heard of it, Orkut is a powerhouse overseas, with more than half its 25 million monthly visitors in Brazil. By some measures, it ranks among the top 10 sites on the Web in popularity.

A central challenge for all these companies is how to turn the usage into cash. All of the big players are looking to advertisers to generate revenue. For most of its history Orkut was ad-free.

Then, when Google tried putting ads on the site, it ran into trouble. Critics in Brazil released a report showing advertisements on Orkut alongside pictures of naked children and abused animals. Google immediately suspended the ads, but the company is still grappling with the fallout from critics' Orkut campaign.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children says Orkut generates a comparable amount of pedophilia complaints as other social networks. Google says that it regularly removes illegal content from its services, and that it has changed its policies to address Brazilian police and judicial requests.

As Microsoft Yields, EU Sharpens Sword

Microsoft's decision to drop its nine-year fight with European regulators could signal tougher regulation ahead for big, global tech companies operating in Europe.

The software giant said it wouldn't appeal a ruling by a top European Union court last month that backed sweeping powers for EU antitrust regulators to tackle the abuse of a monopoly position by technology companies. Microsoft's decision not to appeal

Sticky Sites

Global ranking of all Web domains, by number of pages viewed:

Rank	Site	Page views in billions (Sept. 2007)
1.	Yahoo.com	55.31
2.	MySpace.com	49.72
3.	Google.com	34.63
4.	Facebook.com	34.54
5.	Orkut.com	32.80
6.	Live.com	31.90
7.	MSN.com	29.52
8.	YouTube.com	21.37

Source: comScore Media Metrix

leaves that ruling as settled law.

Microsoft agreed to license information in the EU that competitors need to make their software work better with certain versions of Windows. It had long resisted doing so, saying the information comprised fruits of its intellectual labors that it should be able to keep secret.

Other U.S. tech companies in EU regulators' sights include Intel, accused of selling microprocessors below cost and using rebates to induce customers not to buy chips from Advanced Micro Devices. Also on the Brussels docket is Google, whose proposed acquisition of Internet-advertiser DoubleClick has led to fears that Google would have a lock on the personal data and browsing habits of Web users that are key to targeted Internet ads.

Marketers Explore New Virtual Worlds

Second Life is losing its luster.

Put off by high costs and uncertain returns, marketers who had rushed to establish a presence in the online virtual world, a three-dimensional online computer game, are beginning to look elsewhere. Some are trying other virtual worlds with names like Gaia Online, Zwinktopia, Stardoll and Habbo. Others are creating virtual worlds that fans visit via a brand's Web site.

"This is now a category rather than a single phenomenon," says Reuben Steiger, chief executive of Millions of Us, a company that builds campaigns for marketers in virtual worlds. Omnicom Group recently took a minority stake in Millions of Us, citing expectations that consumers increasingly will tap the Internet via virtual worlds.

Second Life, where visitors use special software to create digital alter egos, looked like an ideal world for marketers a year ago. But the site has failed to draw significant traffic. Marketing executives who've spent time on the site say the software and difficulties in navigating the virtual world were off-putting.

Odds & Ends

Honda criticized so-called plug-in hybrid gas-electric vehicles as offering too few environmental benefits to pursue, and said a similar vehicle planned by General Motors, the Chevrolet Volt, made little sense. Chief Executive Takeo Fukui referred to the car as "a battery electric vehicle equipped with an unnecessary fuel engine and fuel tank." ... **Netflix's third-quarter profit** topped analysts' expectations as the online-DVD-rental pioneer battled rival Blockbuster with a price-cutting strategy that helped revive subscriber growth.... **United Parcel Service**, which expects domestic package volume in the fourth quarter to increase at its slowest rate in four years, says it remains to be seen how quickly the U.S. economy will return to long-term growth trends.

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Email Tries Allure of Social Features

Providers Add Services

In Bid to Compete With Networking

By KEVIN J. DELANEY AND VAUHINI VARA
mail providers are trying to steal some of social networking's thunder as services like Facebook begin to encroach on their turf.

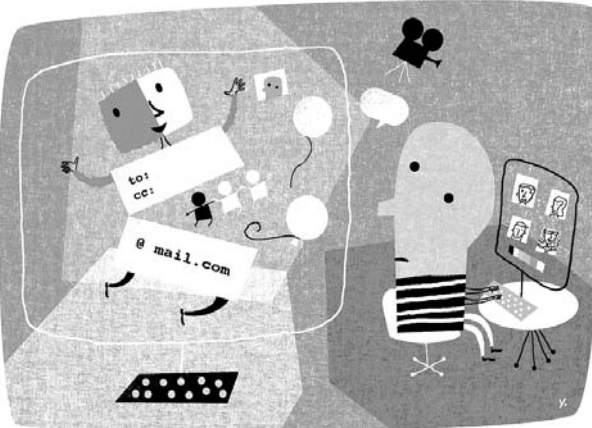
The biggest Web email services—including Yahoo, Microsoft and AOL—are adding features that allow users to perform such sociable functions as tracking friends and creating personal-profile pages for others to see. At the same time, Facebook and MySpace have upgraded their messaging services, enabling individuals to send emails to the outside world from their accounts, transmit video greetings to friends and make voice calls from their computers.

The developments could heighten competition between email providers and social networks for the loyalty of users—and the advertising revenue generated by usage. The latest moves also signal a wave of changes in features for email, which is the most widely used Web application.

Facebook for Email

The prize is the loyalty of people like Anil Divvela, a 24-year-old student at Purdue University. Mr. Divvela grew up with email but now spends less time on it, using Facebook as an email replacement. When he pastes a link to an interesting article in a Facebook message, Facebook automatically fetches the article's headline and any photos that ran with it and attaches them to the message. When he sends a link to an online video, the recipient can watch the video within the message without having to click the link. "My friends use Facebook as an email service," says Mr. Divvela.

Such changing habits could have implications for the Internet portals, which rely on email for much of their traffic and to bring



James Yang

in consumers who will use their other Web services. And usage drives revenue because Internet companies generally base the pricing of advertising appearing alongside email and social-networking services on the amount of traffic the Internet companies get.

The Internet portals have failed to achieve breakout success with their homegrown social networks. Now the email providers are betting that they'll have more success by adding social-networking features to their email services, which millions are already using.

In August, there were 542.9 million users of email accessed primarily via Web browsers. That compared with 483.7 million social-networking users world-wide, according to comScore. Including non-Web-based email such as employer accounts, there will be 1.4 billion email accounts in active use world-wide at the end of this year, estimates Radicati Group, a research firm.

Yahoo executives describe the company's 250 million email users globally as the "world's largest dormant social network." In recent years, the company has added some features that allow individuals to see when friends who are also Yahoo users are online and to send instant messages to them without clicking over to Yahoo's instant-messaging software.

In a mock-up of additional social-networking features it is considering, Yahoo imagines users creating profile pages with such data as their birthdays. On their email welcome screens, individuals

Adding Friends

A big draw of social-networking sites is the ability to send email-like messages

Service	Unique users in August*	Change from a year earlier
Facebook	69,256	348%
Gmail	82,921	64
MySpace	105,716	33
Hotmail	255,342	9
Yahoo Mail	254,942	-1
AOL email	49,561	-9

*World-wide; persons 15 and older
Source: comScore World Metrix

might be greeted by lists of friends celebrating birthdays and friends who have sent them emails. Yahoo is considering offering users incentives to identify their friends, such as the ability to email larger files to people in their social networks.

One experimental Yahoo service analyzes a user's email traffic and indicates the friends with whom a user has strong email connections. It bases its findings on volumes of traffic and such factors as the frequency and speed with which the two parties respond to each other.

Little Overlap Seen

"I have very little doubt that email will be sexy again in a way that people will say, 'Holy Smokes, I didn't see this coming,'" says Yahoo Senior Vice President Brad Garlinghouse. He cites research from July indicating that only 20% of Yahoo email users are MySpace users and just 10% are on Facebook.

While many of the new social email features work only when a user's friends use the same email provider, Mr. Garlinghouse says the features could extend across email services. Email providers would first have to agree to share some user information and work out technical standards.

Microsoft has added social-networking features that work with its Windows Live Hotmail email and instant-messaging services. They allow its 300 million email users world-wide to create individual profile pages with contact details and other personal information they can choose to display to their

friends. Microsoft says there is no evidence social-networking services are crimping email usage, noting that its user numbers increased from 285 million in July.

AOL's Turn

In the coming months, AOL email users will be able to access their Facebook accounts or other Web sites through a special side panel created within AOL's Web mail service. AOL is also working to let its users personalize their accounts and connect with other users. For instance, when users hover their mouse over one of their buddies in an AIM instant messaging section of AOL email, data about the member will pop up. AOL is also making its email accessible through social-networking sites and other Web pages so that users can check messages without visiting AOL.com or its other email sites directly.

And Google, which operates the Gmail email service and Orkut social network, is working on ways to tap into the social-networking wave, say people familiar with the matter. One Google effort could involve analyzing the strength of Gmail users' connections with one another by tracking the frequency of their email and chat correspondence, these people say.

Google wants to provide outside Web developers with information about Google users' personal connections so that the developers can build Web-based services—available via Google's personalized home page and possibly elsewhere—that will make it easier for people to track their friends, these people say. Hypothetically, that could allow a Google user to see on her personalized home page a list of all the videos her friends have recently uploaded to YouTube. Such features could be integrated into Gmail, too, these people say. A Google spokeswoman declined to comment.

—Emily Steel contributed to this article.

Sports Sites Mob Field For Series

By ROBERT J. HUGHES
The World Series might be baseball's biggest competition, but another battle is raging among sports Web sites hungry for a bigger piece of a growing field.

At ESPN.com, MLB.com, Yahoo Sports and FoxSports.com, among others, traffic has surged in the past year as they've added more original content and new ways of presenting statistics. A day after a game, MLB.com lets users click on a baseball line score and see a video highlight from that inning. Yahoo runs video programs that analyze games, and it has hired additional reporters.

"The biggest change for all of us this year is video," says Bob Bowman, chief executive of MLB.com. Video innovations this year include ESPN.com's "Baseball Tonight Minute," from ESPN TV's "Baseball Tonight" show. For the division series this year, MLB.com offered a "mosaic" of four screens, with three showing various live stationary views of the field and dugout and the fourth with an on-air expert commenting on the game.

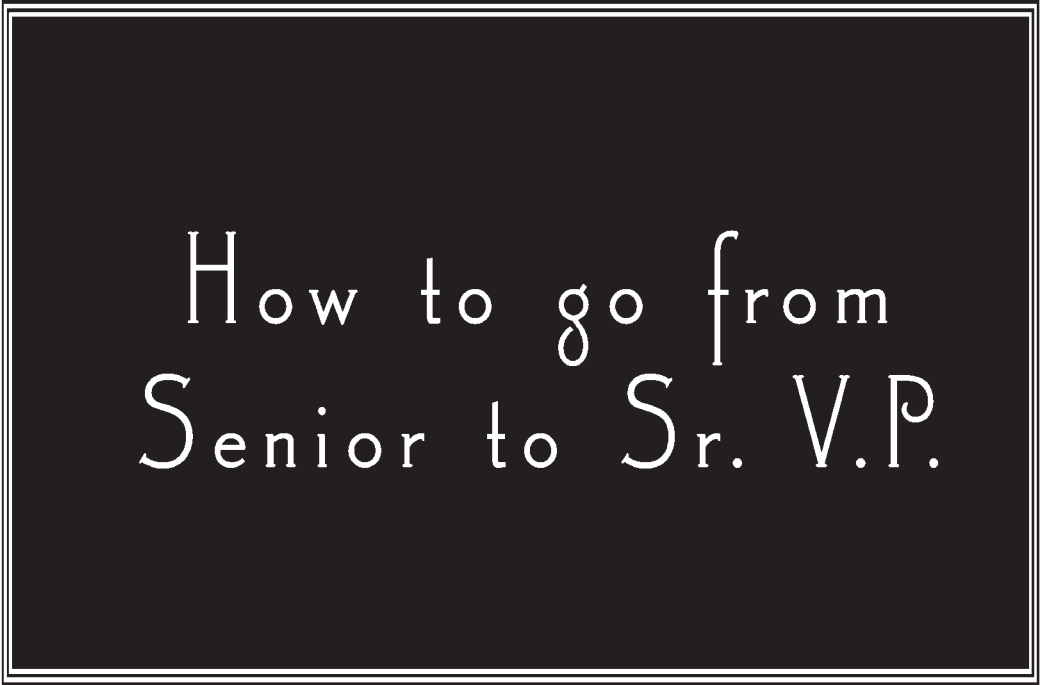
While Fox TV airs the Series, FoxSports.com plans video blogs. ComScore says the site drew 17.5 million visitors last month, up 7% from the year-earlier month.

Yahoo Sports (the No. 1 sports site last month, according to comScore) has doubled its video team in the past year, says Jimmy Pitaro, vice president and general manager. An average user now spends about 30 minutes on the site, up almost 100% in the past year, he adds.

Despite all the video, Yahoo Sports is trying to differentiate itself by focusing on old-fashioned text, Mr. Pitaro says. He'll have four reporters covering the Series, up from two last year. In all, the site has grown during the past two years to 50 editorial staff from 10.

BlackBerry and cellphone users also have more offerings, from score updates to videos. At MLB.com, mobile usage has more than doubled over the past year, to some 470 million page views.

The rise in users has advertisers' attention. EMarketer estimates that U.S. online advertising revenue for sports sites will jump 28.6% this year, to \$548 million, and will reach \$1.1 billion by 2011.



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STAFF EDITORIALS

Comical policies may cost city

A story appearing in The Flat Hat this week addressing harassment and theft claims by students against the city of Williamsburg is further validation that the city has little respect for students.

In September 2006, the city suspiciously ordered three students to remove “debris” from the backyard of their rental house at 306 South Boundary Street, despite the fact that only an inflatable pool and lawn furniture occupied the yard. The students alleged that city representatives illegally trespassed on their neighbors’ lawn in order to take pictures of their yard, and in turn used these photos as evidence in a civil suit against landlord Gary Shelly ’72.

In a situation where The Flat Hat and other groups on campus have consistently argued that the city is arbitrarily applying its policies to focus on students, the city’s actions are now reaching a comical level. Students claim that they are being targeted by compliance officers, ridiculous policies and a mayor who appears to have no respect for students whatsoever.

What is particularly interesting about this ongoing story is that with 634 students currently registered to vote in Williamsburg through the voter registration drive run by the Student Assembly — not to mention other students who have registered on their own — the opinions of students will soon matter in Williamsburg politics. A candidate for city council who is sympathetic to student concerns, as opposed to one who ignores them, will likely gain the support of a voting student body.

A property inspector for the city claimed that the city is doing everything “out of the book” and that in Williamsburg, “there are codes you have to adhere to.” We are certainly in favor of having just and sensible laws to govern the residents of a community. It is the unacceptable practice of handpicking these laws to target students that is so egregious. Hopefully, with the rising number of registered student voters, these practices — and the city officials who steadfastly hold to these rules — will soon be on their way out.

Flat Hat sets the pace

This past weekend at the 86th annual ACP/CMA National College Media Convention, The Flat Hat was selected out of 162 college newspapers as winner of the Pacemaker award for excellence in collegiate journalism.

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Police prowling indiscriminately

Max Fisher

FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



Julien Williams ’06 doesn’t look like a criminal. Wide, frameless glasses perch at the end of his rounded nose, framing the heavy cheeks that are almost always creased by a smile. He is known for his generosity, his proclivity for breaking into French — which is perfect, save for a slightly Basque accent — but mostly for his dry, bold sense of humor, which he often directs at himself. He plays the guitar, is an alumnus of Kappa Alpha fraternity and works at a medical nonprofit in Alexandria, Va.

But, upon his return to Williamsburg this weekend to see old friends and to visit his girlfriend, who is an undergraduate, all of the things that make Williams who he is were reduced to a single attribute: his race. He is black, and in Williamsburg that is often enough to look like a criminal. This Friday, it was certainly enough to be treated like one.

Williams was sitting in front of his girlfriend’s apartment on student-dominated Wythe Lane, drinking a glass of water and smoking a cigarette when the police cruiser first drove by. His girlfriend and her friend were sitting with him and saw it too, the slow laps as it passed back and forth. It was late, almost 3 a.m., and Williams and his friends were about to go inside when the cruiser finally stopped and the officer emerged, flashlight in hand, and began asking questions. What was he doing? Where had he been?

Soon, more cruisers arrived — six in all — crowding the tiny, suburban lane with a small flashlight-wielding army. When they told the two girls to go wait inside, Williams began to get nervous.

“It was just me, alone, and these eight cops,” he told me. “No one else to see what might happen. They still wouldn’t tell me why they were there. I was asking, ‘Why exactly did you stop me?’ and he said I ‘had fit a description.’”

Williams had no way of knowing it, but a robbery had just occurred a half-mile away at the intersection of Rolfe and Jamestown Roads. A female student at the College had been hit and her purse had been stolen. Owing to the lateness of the hour (and, one imagines, to the mental state common for College students on late Friday nights), she was able to describe her assailant only as a black male in a white T-shirt and jeans.

The absence of key descriptive features, such as

height, build or face shape, would discourage most police officers, especially late on homecoming weekend, when the streets are filled with students (many of them wearing white T-shirts and jeans). But the Williamsburg police knew all they needed to know.

What is most troubling is not the Williamsburg police officers’ willingness to detain Williams without telling him why — police are required to explain detention, and you better believe that “you fit a description” doesn’t cut it. What is most troubling is how flippant, how careless the officers were in pursuing that description.

If the suspect had been described as white rather than black, would every “white male in a white T-shirt and jeans” within a half-mile of campus have been interrogated by eight of Williamsburg’s boys in blue? I doubt it. Though it is true only one in seven Williamsburg residents is black, our black population is still some 1,600 people, as of the 2000 census. If half are male, that leaves 800 suspects within Williamsburg’s meager nine square miles.

That the Williamsburg police were so ready to question and detain the first of those 800 they saw is worrisome, especially given all the signs that Williams had nothing to do with the crime. The

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suspect had left the scene of the crime just minutes before, sprinting at full speed, yet when the police found Williams he was relaxed, neither breathing heavily nor sweating, smoking a cigarette and wearing glasses unmentioned in any report. But the suspect was a black male, and Williams is a black male, and in Williamsburg that is enough to justify six police cruisers and a half-hour of questioning.

Williams is unhappy with the way he was treated, but, true to his nature, is reticent to condemn the police.

“I don’t think they were malicious or anything, but I think they were bullheaded in what they thought would be the solution to the problem,” he said.

“I don’t hold it against the cops, because I realize their job is to find people who did wrong and bring them to justice. But I don’t think they handled it in the way best they could. I think six cop cars was probably half of the Williamsburg police force. I fit a profile.”

Max Fisher is a senior at the College.



BY OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Letters to the Editor

Teach for America is effective

To the Editor:

After reading Max Fisher’s Oct. 9 column “Teach for America ineffective,” I was disappointed by the number of inaccuracies and misconceptions he advanced about the work more than 5,000 TFA teachers are doing in low-income schools across the nation.

Fisher argued that corps members are ineffective in the classroom because they are inadequately trained, and that the organization’s impact is limited to the two-year commitment. However, there are data and results that do not support these conclusions.

In fact, according to a 2004 study by Mathematica Policy Research, the most thorough and independent study conducted on TFA to date, though corps members generally don’t participate in formal teacher training beyond that provided by TFA, they produce higher test scores than other teachers in their schools — not just other novice or uncertified teachers, but also veterans and certified teachers.

There is also ample evidence to demonstrate TFA’s impact beyond corps members’ two-year commitments. A great example of its broader impact can be seen in Washington, D.C., where the public schools chancellor, deputy chancellor and 24 school principals are TFA alumni. There are also nearly 250 corps members teaching in the D.C. region. The result is a system focused on student achievement and providing excellent educational opportunities. Alumni are playing similar roles in reform efforts in New Orleans, Los Angeles, New York and Oakland, to name a few.

Fisher is right: the problem of educational inequity in our country is real. And this problem will only be solved if we dedicate our time and energy to raising expectations in the classroom and providing excellent opportunities to every student. In the past 17 years, TFA has done just that and will continue to enlist outstanding college graduates to commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity.

— Matt Reamy ’05

Nichol ad harmful and misleading

To the Editor:

Shame to the group Free America’s Alma Mater for its Oct. 23 ad in The Flat Hat. The authors use exaggeration and insinuation to harm the image of College President Gene Nichol by emphasizing his role in the College’s new bias reporting system.

However, the president’s only role in this system is passive. The Bias Reporting Team’s chairs only keep him “appraised of [sic]” the team’s activities. But the advertisement suggests that these reports will turn Nichol into Big Brother. The ad’s authors may be disappointed to learn that as president, Nichol is probably already apprised of many incidents that occur at the College. At any rate, the similarities between a university president and an omniscient totalitarian dictator seem to be overstated.

The authors also seem to challenge the merits of the bias reporting system, but they use sarcasm and misrepresentation instead of serious argument. It is never clear how the system wants to control our thoughts, or how it harms free speech at the College.

As for the misrepresentations, the quotation “Campus-wide trainings will be conducted [during the month of September]” only refers to the time during which interested academic departments may choose to learn more about the bias reporting system. The quotations under the section “What Happens to Anonymous Reports?” exclude any note of the actual report review process or consequences of investigations by the Bias Reporting Team.

The authors hope that the use of a quotation from “1984” will strike us with some depth or importance. In fact, the only two striking things are Orwell’s prose itself, and the ad’s complete lack of logic, fairness or coherence. The former is ruined by the latter.

— Christian Deegan ’08

Teach for America’s personal touch

To the Editor:

Technically, I’m a law student, but I really fancy myself a 10-and-under girls’ soccer coach. I guess I was never that good. Who am I kidding? I must have been downright horrible. After all, my team finished its inaugural season with a 1-7-1 record. This year, under new coaching, the girls are out to a 5-1 start. So, as I sat over fall break in Houston watching them dominate the competition, I amusingly mumbled to myself, “Dude, you sucked as a coach!”

Being a Teach For America alumnus, I was con-

cerned when Max Fisher alleged that TFA’s presence in low-income communities amounts to a “subtle racism of low expectations” and only serves as “a good story at a cocktail party.” In his world a TFA teacher greeting a student implies, “Good morning! I am from a mostly white neighborhood, went to college and am better than you.” I have news for Fisher: in my experience as a fourth grade teacher, kids don’t see color or class. What they do see is if you believe in them or not.

TFA is no fairy tale. There is nothing easy about disciplining a child for not doing her homework when you know she had to cook dinner for her three younger siblings and put the babies to bed because her mom had the night shift. But you do it; you look her straight in the eye and say, “Sofia, if you do your homework every night and work hard in school you will go to college and be whatever you want to be.” You believe every word you say and keep in touch with her after she leaves your class to make sure it comes to fruition. If you didn’t, you’d be too ashamed to look at yourself in the mirror. Fisher calls this “paternalistic.” He can call it whatever he wants; he isn’t there.

With only a day’s notice, I offered to purchase a plane ticket for Fisher to visit my former students with me this fall break. Sofia’s mom was ready to put him up for the weekend. Understandably, he already had plans with his family. But I really wish he could have come. If I could get him there, like TFA got me there, I figured he wouldn’t discourage undergraduates at the College from serving. I wanted him to take it personally.

At this moment though, the only thing I take personally is the fact that we’re winning 2-0 and the final whistle is blowing. How is this possible? How could I have been such a lousy coach? Sofia comes running up to me, gives me a hug and says, “Don’t worry Mr. Crimmins, your coaching strategy is only like 75 percent of the reason we were so bad, 25 percent of the reason is because we got better!”

Fisher, 2019 will be Sofia Amaya’s college graduation. I’ll invite you to that as well. Don’t worry; you can use it as cocktail party material without even getting your hands dirty

— Charles Crimmins, J.D. ’10

Flawed staff survey

To the Editor:

The staff survey published by Human Resources Oct. 12 paints an unclear picture of how workers feel about working at the College.

I and other members of the student organization Tidewater Labor Support Committee have noted several problems with this survey, questioning whether it is a useful tool for restructuring.

The first problem is who was represented in the survey. There are four different employee categories included in the survey: administrative/professional faculty, classified/university, hourly and unreported. However, when the response data is presented, the categories are all lumped together. Thus, we can’t tell the difference between administrators’ responses and those of hourly workers. Human Resources says it has not analyzed the responses of individual employee categories.

Each employee category obviously experiences very different working conditions. How can the survey shine light on the working conditions of staff when it doesn’t isolate the different employee categories? It is essential to isolate employee categories to determine if any one employee category is experiencing difficulties.

The second problem is that many workers have told members of the TLSC that they did not see the survey, or that when they filled it out, they were not in a place to ensure their anonymity. 44.5 percent of employees’ views are not represented by the survey. Dining Services workers were also excluded.

TLSC has worked with these workers on several issues in the workplace. Though they are not direct employees of the College, they are part of this community and their voices must be heard. To properly evaluate Aramark’s contract, we must know how it treats its employees.

The survey is severely flawed in terms of how it was administered and how the data was analyzed and presented. If Human Resources wants a better picture of working conditions at the College, it should work more diligently to ensure a survey that accurately presents the views of workers. To improve the College community, we must not leave any behind.

— Alex Leach ’10

VARIETY

Sigma Pi spooks Unit E to make wishes come true

By **ASHLEY MORGAN**
Flat Hat Assoc. Variety Editor

With its ghost tours, haunted buildings and deadly stories, scary spirits and spine-chilling legends may be part of Williamsburg culture. Tonight and tomorrow, even more hair-raising fun will take place as Sigma Pi presents its second annual Spook House.

“We are using a lot of the classic movies [as influences],” Sigma Pi President and Spook House organizer Erik Ahlenius ’08 said. “‘Texas Chainsaw Massacre,’ ‘The Ring’ — there are very classic ideas.”

The event began last night and is being presented in the basement of Unit E, the fraternity’s house. The entrance fee is \$2 and all proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The haunted house will be open tonight and tomorrow from 8 to 11 p.m.

“Make-A-Wish Foundation is a great organization,” Ahlenius said. “We are just trying to help make a child’s wish come true, with the creation of our nightmares. We are just honored to help in even a small way.”

This is the second year the fraternity is sponsoring this event, along with help from the Council for Fraternity

Affairs and the Inter-Sorority Council.

“I heard that a lot of Southern schools did events like these, and they were very successful,” Ahlenius said. “Last year we had a lot of success. Almost 170 people came without much advertising.” This year, Ahlenius hopes to draw 200 to 250 people.

The advertising consists of flyers, a Facebook group and word of mouth. They hope that those people who came last year and enjoyed the festivities would return and bring others. The brothers have also been sending out some of the performers from the haunted house around campus with flyers and a chainsaw to promote the event — giving students a small taste of the house of horrors.

The event will also include a carnival for younger children Tuesday. The fraternity invited children from the area elementary schools and the children of College professors. From 4 to 6 p.m. there will be carnival games on the dance floor and a toned-down version of the haunted house in the basement. Kids will also have the opportunity to go trick-or-treating on the second floor. The CFA and the ISC handled the advertisement for local children

by e-mailing the local daycare and the principals and PTAs of local schools.

The haunted house is comprised of a maze of varying dark passageways directing guests on their way through the basement. The pitch-black atmosphere aims to create a terrifying ambiance, making the guests even more vulnerable to the scare tactics of the brothers. Entering the house, visitors follow down a windy, narrow walkway with eerie music creating the ambiance of a slasher film. Along the way characters from “The Grudge” and “The Ring” appear, grabbing and whispering in peoples’ ears. The urgency in the room thickens, as noises of a mad doctor operating on a live patient echo through the halls. Rushing through, the guests appear more panicked as each turn seems to be more difficult to find — occasionally they must walk through covered doorways.

Old photos of the dead adorn the walls and are only visible thanks to the small low-burning candle providing the guests with the smallest amount of light to help them find their way.

The only sign of true light occurs as the guests walk through a white, “blood” stained room. Afterward, the house returns to complete darkness. More



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Sigma Pi freshman pledge Pete DeiTos ’11 plays the role of oozing cadaver with the help of fake blood.

actors slowly creep around behind the walls, reaching out and talking to those people intruding into the house and annoying the haunting spirits. Monsters become angered by the presence of the individuals and begin to chase the trespassers out of the house. Hurrying out of the house, the guests are still not safe — even after pushing the heavy exit door open, they are still being chased away by chainsaw-wielding maniacs, ensuring that the entire experience thrill

ending from start to finish. “We are helping out a good cause and

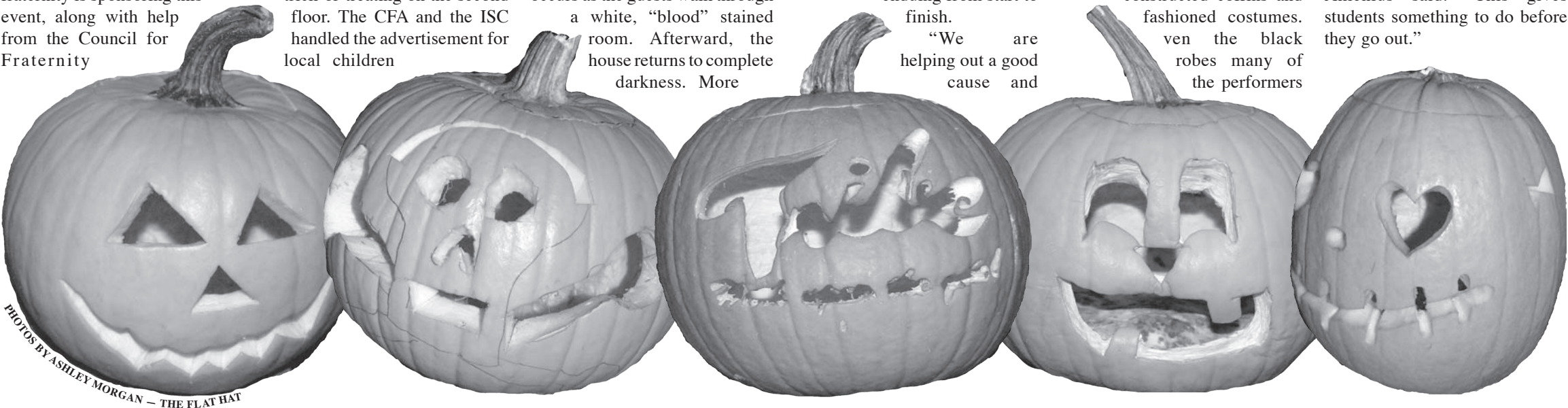
being festive,” JJ Regan ’09 said. “I helped set up, and I wanted to be a monster and scare people. I will be a lot of fun — even more fun than last year.”

Setup began Sunday after all of the homecoming guests had left, though planning and preparation took weeks. The brothers used many black trash bags, items found in their basement and leftover construction material from their homecoming float to create the Spook House. From this material, the brothers constructed coffins and fashioned costumes. Even the black robes many of the performers

don are recycled from items they found. “It was a very cheap event [to create],” Ahlenius said. “We only spent \$50 on props.”

“It was a lot of fun last year,” Timur Tsutsuk ’09 said. “A lot of people showed up and we scared the shit out of people. It was a way to have fun sober on Halloween.”

The fraternity wanted to aid philanthropic efforts and give students something to do on Halloween. “There is not too much to do in Williamsburg,” Ahlenius said. “This gives students something to do before they go out.”



PHOTOS BY ASHLEY MORGAN — THE FLAT HAT

Girls say ‘no thanks’ to No Shave November

Charlotte Savino
CONFUSION CORNER
COLUMNIST



Oh my goodness, what the hell is on my chin (nose, cheek, jaw)?! No, it’s not a staph infection; it’s that dry, rough, scaly, discolored remnant of a makeover with a bearded dude. The kiss-chafe is just one of the many terrible side effects of wretched facial hair.

As No Shave November begins, we brace ourselves for the influx of hairy cheeks and regrettable ‘staches. Granted, this month-long celebration of virility is mostly ironic, kitsch and silly: the great mystery lies in the men who desire the facial hair lifestyle the other 11 months.

Under the school’s anti-hazing policy, fraternities and other groups cannot force or mandate that members be clean-shaven. There is a new Beta Theta Pi who, despite the general good grooming habits of the other brothers, continues to have questionable facial hair. How this happens, nobody knows — and believe me, the fate of the hair has been discussed at length in several different venues. While I know there is nothing to be done on the hazing level, I implore you — a capella groups, frats, performance organizations — let the perils of facial hair be known to your members.

For one thing, facial hair can exhibit disease-like symptoms; it is often blotchy, discolored, rough and unsightly. Valtrex anyone?

Speaking of nether regions, chin pubes are the worst — those little hairs that are more reminiscent of an elderly woman than a strapping young man do nothing for the masculinity of anyone.

Yet sometimes all the peer pressure in the world won’t separate a man from his face-locks. I’m tempted to publicly

(I like to pretend my column is widely read) humiliate every be-pubed face on campus, but unfortunately the list is too long. Instead, this is a call to arms. A call to razors. A call to sensitive-skin Nair.

I once gave an old boyfriend one of those electric razors that oozed goo. The allure of the gadget overcame the allure of rough facial hair, and my skin was rejuvenated before prom. Subsequently we broke up, the beard came back and his new girlfriend says she likes it.

I guess that means they deserve each other, because any woman who likes facial hair is clearly a little coo-coo-kachoo. Yes please, I’d like scruffy hair rubbing on my face (and elsewhere). And yes, the porn ‘stache is really a selling point to my parents. Sally, while you’re struggling to find the perfect gift for clean-shaven Dave, look no further than some mustache wax and beard trimmers — they’re so convenient!

I also do not believe the guys who trout the convenience of facial hair. First and foremost, how long does it take to shave, really? Girls are expected to keep a certain level of hairlessness on a larger surface area and yet, the 15 minutes of facial upkeep is too much to ask of a guy? Additionally, if done correctly, beard and mustache maintenance is a science and an art, as unfortunate and upsetting as that may be.

There are so many things working against our generation. We are touted as apathetic, lazy, privileged, disconnected, uninvolved and now, I hate to say, bearded. The world is creepy enough without the aesthetics of a peeping Tom.

For the general advancement of our peer group, remember: Vote or Die. Shave or Grave.

Charlotte Savino is a Confusion Corner columnist. She recommends Gillette Quatro for a nice, close shave year round.

SASA presents dance, dinner, party

By **KRISTINA SURFACE**
The Flat Hat

Friday is the annual Expressions dance and dinner, hosted by the South Asian Student Association.

The event, which has sold out in the past few years, features dances by SASA members, as well as one with the dance team Syndicate. The Bhangra Team will also present a dance from Punjab, India. Tickets are on sale this week at the University Center.

Expressions is a show about cross-cultural perspectives. “It’s about integrating Western and Eastern interpretations of South Eastern culture,” dancer, choreographer and SASA President Rashmi Joshi ’08 said.

Joshi, and SASA Expressions Chair Pooja Gupta ’09 have danced in Expressions every year they’ve attended the College. The officers began planning for this year’s event over the summer, and rehearsals began

the second week of September.

Each year, the dances are woven together around a skit. Last year’s audience — those who were lucky enough to score a ticket to the sold out show — may recall a love story about the pressures of cross-cultural relationships. And what about this year’s story? “Maybe we won’t give away the story line,” Joshi said.

It was revealed, however, that there will be seven main characters with seven individual stories and one overarching theme.

“It’s about how to bring your culture and other [cultures] into your life,” Gupta said.

“It’s how to strike a balance between purely South Asian roots and what South Asian culture is now, a mix of past and present, taking into account Western influence,” Joshi said.

SASA itself is a blending of cultures, with every race, religion and ethnicity represented in its 50 active members, many of whom

are international students. No one dance performed during Expressions represents just South Asian culture, but a blending of “a lot of different cultures,” Gupta said.

Following the multi cultural entertainment will be a dinner, with Indian food catered by Nawab. Highlights of the menu are chicken makhni (butter chicken) and samosa (fried and breaded potatoes) with peas and spices, naan and dessert. The dinner, which also includes vegetarian dishes, will be topped off with a free after-party in Tazewell Hall.

Tickets are \$7 for the show and \$10 for the show and dinner. They are on sale all week in the UC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., as well as at the door before the show. Because there are only 350 seats in the Commonwealth Auditorium, make sure to buy tickets early. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7, with the meal and after-party to follow.

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MEN’S SOCCER: TRIBE 2 UNCW 0

Tribe takes two, moves up in standings

By CHRIS WEIDMAN
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Sparked by a late first-half goal by Tribe sophomore midfielder Price Thomas, the men’s soccer team (8-6-3 CAA 5-2-1) emerged with a 2-0 victory over the University of North Carolina — Wilmington Seahawks (2-12-1 CAA 1-7) Sunday afternoon at Albert-Daly Field. The College is now 15-0-1 all-time against UNCW when playing in Williamsburg.

“We played pretty well,” Head Coach Chris Norris said. “At the start of the season we set a goal to get 10 shutouts, right now we have eight. It gives us a lot of confidence [to play so well defensively].”

Thomas’s team-leading seventh goal of the season came in the 44th minute of the first half when he turned from 15 yards out and fired a ball that glanced off the near post and in behind back-up Seahawks goalie Travis Middlebrooks.

“I tried to play the ball to Ernst,” Thomas said. “Their guy tried to knock it off of him [to clear it, but the ball came to me]. I knew they made a goalie switch so I picked my head up to try to get a ball on target and it snuck in.”

Prior to Thomas’ goal, UNCW experienced two

critical injuries in the first half. Junior Seahawks midfielder Will Friesinger and Tribe back freshman Michael DiNuzzo both slid to control a ball, resulting in a crushing collision. Friesinger emerged in pain, appearing to suffer a severely broken lower right leg. Play was stopped for over 25 minutes while an ambulance arrived to pick up Friesinger.

Later in the first half, starting UNCW goalie Brock Duckworth injured his right shoulder in a collision with Tribe forward freshman Alan Koger. Duckworth was taken out of the game a minute later following a save in which Duckworth landed on his injured shoulder.

The College’s second goal of the match came off the foot of Koger (who was named CAA co-rookie of the week yesterday) in the 79th minute. Tribe seniors Doug McBride and Doug Ernst combined on a give-and-go, with Ernst dropping a pass to McBride, who sent a low cross through the box to Koger. Koger directed the ball into a wide open net for the Tribe’s second goal of the game.

The win moves the Tribe to third place in the CAA, behind Old Dominion University and Drexel University. The College travels to Drexel and the University of Delaware this weekend before ending the season Nov. 8 hosting ODU. The top six teams make

the CAA playoffs, but with five teams within three points (one win) of the College in the standings, playoffs’ seeds will most likely not be solidified until the final regular season games are played.



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Senior midfielder Ryan Overdevest.

Minutemen rally to defeat Tribe 48-34



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Junior quarterback Jake Phillips scrambles upfield during the Tribe’s game against Massachusetts Saturday. Phillips rushed for 49 yards and a score on the afternoon.

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arguably their toughest opponent of the entire 2007 campaign. The College took advantage of a botched snap, forced several turnovers and surprised an overconfident Minutemen squad by holding an 11-point lead late into the third quarter.

“I can’t fault our effort,” Head Coach Jimmye Laycock said. “We played a good game against a really good team. I would like for us to make some of those field goals. I’d like for us to play stouter against the run. All said and done, we played hard.”

Leading the way on the offensive side of the ball was junior quarterback Jake Phillips. For much of the contest, Phillips found himself under intense pressure from the UMass defense. However, unfazed by the rush, Phillips showcased his athletic ability by constantly evading defenders and scrambling for several first downs. Phillips brilliantly orchestrated the most important drive of the game for the Tribe. In response to Massachusetts quarterback Liam Cohen’s 60-yard touchdown strike to open the contest, Phillips promptly marched the offense down the field for a pivotal field goal.

“Jake played really well, he’s a tough competitor,” Laycock said, “He understands the offense and makes good decisions by tucking it and running when he was under a lot of pressure.”

Redshirt freshman running back Courtland Marriner also turned in an encouraging performance with arguably his best game of the year. No longer hindered by a thumb injury, Marriner displayed the open field cuts and speed bursts that make him one of the Tribe’s most intriguing young players.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Tribe linebacker core and secondary flew around the field with the reckless

abandon of a team with nothing to lose.

“I think they came in pretty cocky after they dominated us last season,” junior linebacker Josh Rutter said. “They thought they were going to take it to us, but I think we caught them off guard.”

Rutter came up with a huge play late in the fourth quarter when he forced Massachusetts tailback Brian Lawrence’s fumble, swiftly scooped up the ball, and returned it all the way to the Minutemen two-yard line. Rudder’s heroics were preceded by junior linebacker Michael Pigram’s dramatic 42-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

Unfortunately, the Tribe’s bid for an upset faltered after the two forced fumbles, as a more talented Minutemen squad pulled away for good late in the fourth quarter. A paper-thin rush defense provided little fourth-quarter resistance, as the contest marked the fourth consecutive game in which the team has allowed at least 200 total yards on the ground (this omits a negative 43-yard rush on the botched snap).

Though such a loss is difficult to stomach, the Tribe can take comfort in the fact that they took one of the best teams in 1-AA football down to the wire.

“I felt good about the way we’re playing out there,” Laycock said. “We held our own against one of the best teams in the league. Now we just have to go out and do that for the rest of the season.”

With a combination of confidence gained from their recent performance and an improvement to the rush defense, the Tribe could easily pull off an upset during the final weeks of the season over ranked CAA opponents, Hofstra University, James Madison University and the University of Richmond.

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Junior quarterback Jake Phillips led the College’s offense downfield throughout the game, displaying the elusiveness and vision that has enabled him to emerge as one of the league’s top quarterbacks. Phillips was at his best Saturday, methodically avoiding pressure and scrambling for first downs en route to gaining 170 passing, 49 rushing and 25 receiving yards. Phillips also threw for a touchdown and rushed for one more.

“Jake played really well,” Laycock said. “He was under a lot of pressure. They were bringing a lot of people, and I thought he handled that really well.”

Excluding their first play, Massachusetts’ highly potent offense was held in check for the first three quarters by a Tribe defense that came out motivated and well-prepared by defensive coordinator Bob Shoop, who served as defensive backs coach in Amherst a year ago.

“[Coach Shoop] had a great game plan coming in,” junior linebacker Josh Rutter said. “He is real familiar with a lot of the guys still in the offense, so he tipped us off a little bit throughout the week with some nuances here and there that we could pick up on and use to our advantage.”

Rutter recorded eight tackles and recovered a fumble. The Tribe’s defense was anchored by another linebacker, junior Michael Pigram, who led the team with 14 tackles while also recording one sack, an interception and a fumble recovery that Pigram returned for a touchdown.

Despite their strong play, the defense weakened late in the third quarter, falling victim to Massachusetts quarterback Liam Cohen’s arm and running back Matt Lawrence’s bruising running.

“We played a good three quarters and we all gave all that we had,” Pigram said. “Towards the end of the game we

kind of lost our intensity. We all started making mistakes and we weren’t making plays. ... We knew if we played as a team we could win it, but we just started breaking down come the fourth quarter. People weren’t making plays, missing assignments, and it really hurt us.”

The Minutemen scored a touchdown to pull within four of the College late in the third quarter on a drive that included a controversial no-call of intentional grounding and a questionable late-hit called on sophomore cornerback David Caldwell.

“Let’s just put it this way; [the intentional grounding] has been called against us before, and they didn’t pick up the flag,” Laycock said.

Massachusetts notched touchdowns on their next two possessions as well, taking advantage of back-to-back fumbles by the Tribe. When the dust settled, UMass led 34-24. But just when the game seemed to be winding down, Massachusetts suffered back-to-back fumbles of their own. Pigram returned the first for a score to cut the UMass lead to three, while Rutter returned the second to the Minuteman two-yard-line. The Tribe was unable to push the ball into the endzone, however, and the team settled for a field goal to tie the game at 34-34 with seven and a half minutes remaining.

From that point on, Massachusetts overpowered the College’s defense, marching straight down the field on nine plays to score and take the lead for good.

While the Tribe was unable to earn the victory, the team took solace in being able to keep up with their highly-ranked opponent.

“You’ve got one of the premier teams in the country; it’s easy to get up for these kinds of games,” Rutter said. “It was a fun atmosphere to be in, and unfortunately the game ended the way it did, but it was still a great game.”

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

College races to CAA title

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Led by senior Erin Prillaman, the College claimed the CAA Championship for the fifth consecutive year Friday afternoon.

The Tribe outran James Madison University, its closest competition, 40-50, and Prillaman placed second individually with a time of 21 minutes and 56.6 seconds over six kilometers. Georgia State University’s Rachel Hannah finished first in 21:21.4.

Four of the College’s runners, including Prillaman, blazed their way onto the all-conference team. Senior Anna Parker finished fourth in 21:26.1 race, gaining all-conference honors for the second time in her career. Finishing at the 22:11.4 mark, sophomore Emily Anderson placed sixth, and senior Emily Gousen placed 10th with a time of 22:22.0.

The remaining eight Tribe runners crossed the finish line in the top 30 to showcase the College’s depth. Seniors Katy Endres (22:41.5) and Abby Booker (22:43.3) finished within seconds of each other, claiming 17th and 18th, respectively. Coming in 22nd, junior Lynn Morelli ran 22:48.3. Sophomore Kayley Byrne, junior Emily Schroeder, freshman Betsey Graney, sophomore Keely Murphy and freshman Sarah Hadji all finished strong, completing the race in under 23 minutes, claiming places 25th through 29th.

The College’s conference victory comes at the beginning of championship season. First up for the Tribe is the Southeast Region Championship Nov. 10 in Louisville, Ky. Here the College will race for a spot in the NCAA Championship meet. If the Tribe fails to finish in the top two, it could receive an at-large bid with a strong performance. How the College fares at the regional meet will determine whether its season ends at the NCAA meet or at the ECAC Championships.

In addition to its group of All-CAA honorees, the Tribe will look to CAA award-winners Gousen and Anderson to continue their impressive seasons. Gousen has earned two CAA Runner of the Week awards, while most recently, the CAA named Anderson runner of the week Oct. 16 following the Pre-National Invitational.

The College is currently ranked no. 7 in the Southeast Region, and will return to action Saturday in Charlottesville at the Cavalier Open for a final tune-up prior to its regional meet.

Tribe wins CAA crown

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Nov. 3, while many will prepare for the Southeast Region Championships Nov. 10, where the Tribe looks to qualify for the NCAA Championship meet and build on their eighth place finish last year.

“I just need to keep them sane and happy and we’ll do just fine,” Gibby said.

Logo delayed

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Design Works, a New York-based branding company.

The company has done work for several universities, including the University of Arkansas, Harvard University and Louisiana State University, and also several professional sports teams, including Major League Baseball’s Cincinnati Reds, Colorado Rockies and Florida Marlins.

The committee is now turning their focus to selecting a mascot for the school. Sadler said that there is neither a timetable nor a process in place yet for the selection of the new mascot, but that they likely will once again employ professional help to handle the design aspects.

The committee is ready to come up with a mascot despite not having a team name that correlates directly to one. Sadler cited the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill as an example of a school that has a mascot (a ram) different from that of their team name (the Tar Heels).

“We’ll play the hand we’ve been dealt,” Sadler said.

Sadler said that he does not know when the logo will be ready to be unveiled, although he’s hopeful that it can be ready “within the next few weeks.” He said he believes that it was better to hold off on releasing the logo until it was properly trademarked.

“It’s smart to get it done right,” Sadler said. “And if we have been smarter about that, we could have done it earlier.”

Tribe 34 UMass 48

Late breakdown



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT

Redshirt freshman Thomas Schonder utilizes a block from senior tight end Drew Atchison to duck past a Massachusetts defender during the Tribe's 48-34 loss Saturday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Moulton-Levy captures ITA East Region singles title

Senior Megan Moulton-Levy won the ITA East Region singles title Oct. 23 for the second time in her career. The tournament's no. 1 seed and seventh-ranked nationally, Moulton-Levy quickly defeated no. 26 Tatisana Uvarova. Moulton-Levy had a chance to add another title to her resume in the doubles final, but the 59th-ranked Marshall University duo of Kellie Schmitt and Karolina Soor up-ended Moulton-Levy and doubles partner junior Katarina Zoricic 8-4 to claim the crown. With finalists in the singles and doubles draws, the Tribe claimed a region title for the sixth straight year.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

College shuts out two conference opponents

The Tribe extended its winning streak to five games after defeating University of North Carolina — Wilmington 1-0 Sunday. Freshman Kaitlin O'Connor scored the game's lone goal in the 13th minute. On senior night Friday, the Tribe fared well in an unfamiliar setting for a home game besting Georgia State University 3-0 at Busch Field. Friday night's heavy rain forced the move, but the College adjusted as junior Claire Zimmeck recorded two goals and sophomore Kellie Jenkins tacked on the third. The Tribe's weekend victories move it to 8-1-1 in the CAA to maintain its top spot.

MEN'S TENNIS

Cojanu, Juneau drop tiebreaker in quarterfinals

After two victories, senior Alex Cojanu and sophomore Keziel Juneau fell in a tiebreaker to the University of North Carolina in the quarterfinals of the ITA Mid-east Regional Saturday. The duo of Cojanu and Juneau, who entered the tournament ranked 11th nationally, were looking to bring the Mid-east Regional doubles crown back to Williamsburg after Cojanu and Colin O'Brien '07 captured the title a year ago.

— By Andrew Pike and Miles Hilder.

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S GOLF

10/26 to 28 The Landfall Tradition— 12th of 12

VOLLEYBALL

10/26 vs. Northeastern— L, 3-1
10/27 vs. Hofstra — W, 3-2

FIELD HOCKEY

10/28 vs. Old Dominion — L, 4-0

SCHEDULE

Tues., Oct. 30

VOLLEYBALL

@ Hampton — 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Ross Resorts Invitational *

Thurs., Nov. 1

MEN'S TENNIS

TRIBE INVITATIONAL

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ITA National Indoor Championships **

WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ Old Dominion — 7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 2

MEN'S TENNIS

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ITA National Indoor Championships **

* Held in Southern Pines, N.C.

** Held in Columbus, Ohio

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Minutemen prove too much for Tribe

Graham Williamson

FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER



On a sun-soaked Saturday afternoon, it seemed as if the Tribe would deliver one of the most improbable upsets of the 2007 CAA season. However, a disappointed homecoming crowd was left wondering what could have been, as the fourth-ranked University of Massachusetts Minutemen overcame six turnovers and a lackadaisical first three quarters of play to defeat the Tribe 48-34.

The College's poor special teams play and a general inability to stop the run contributed to their downfall. Brian Pate converted only two of his six field goal attempts and Minutemen tailback Brian Lawrence ripped the defense for a career-high 186 yards and three second-half rushing touchdowns.

Although the Tribe couldn't come up with a victory, the team played an excellent football game against

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BY THE NUMBERS

Game Stats

TOTAL YARDS

Tribe — 335

UMass — 397

TURNOVERS

Tribe — 4

UMass — 6

PENALTIES/YARDS

Tribe — 3/30

UMass — 9/80

Individual Stats

PASSING

Jake Phillips — 16-33, 170 yards,
1 touchdown, 1 interception

RUSHING

Jake Phillips — 49 yards, 1 TD
Courtland Mariner — 86 yards

RECEIVING

Drew Atchison — 6 catches for
65 yards, 1 TD

DEFENSE

Michael Pigram — 14 tackles
(10 solo), 1 sack, 1 interception,
1 fumble recovery, 1 TDJosh Rutter — 8 tackles (5 solo), 1
fumble recovery

SPECIAL TEAMS

Brian Pate — 2 of 6 field goals

GAME STORY

UMass's surge spoils College's upset hopes

By MILES HILDER

Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

The Tribe flirted with the possibility of an upset Saturday before falling to the University of Massachusetts Minutemen 48-34 on homecoming weekend.

The game got off to an ominous start for the College, as Massachusetts connected for a 60-yard touchdown on the first play of the game. But the Tribe settled down immediately afterward, finding a groove both offensively and defensively while pushing Massachusetts, who stands undefeated in CAA action, to the brink of defeat.

"I was pleased with the effort," Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. "I was pleased with how hard we played, I thought there

were a lot of good things out there. Obviously we're disappointed, but we're not discouraged ... We took on a heavyweight, and I thought we played pretty well."

The Minutemen aided the Tribe's upset bid with a number of miscues, including four turnovers and two misplayed snaps early that led to a failed extra point, the College's first touchdown and lead of the game. The Tribe entered scoring range on eight of their first nine possessions, but the team only put points on the board in four of those drives. Sophomore kicker Brian Pate missed on four consecutive field goal attempts during this stretch, finishing the game two-for-six on field goal attempts.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: CAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Landry leads College to 8th straight CAA championship

By JACK POLLOCK

Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Tribe took home its eighth consecutive CAA Championship Friday, earning a record-low total of 16 points, one point short of a perfect score.

Led by senior Christo Landry, the men finished with five runners in the top six in their strong performance on a cool day in Farmingdale, NY. The two-time All American ran the eight-kilometer course at Bethpage State Park in 23:58.9, averaging 4:50 per mile to finish a staggering 32 seconds ahead of the next runner. Landry's time was second only to Matt Lane's '01 23:46.1 for the fastest time in the College's history at the CAA meet. The senior's victory gives the Tribe its eighth individual title in the last 10 years.

"Physically, we had the advantage over our competition and could secure the win as long we ran smart

racers and didn't fall asleep out there," Head Coach Alex Gibby said.

The team certainly did not fall asleep as senior Dave Mock, redshirt freshman Patterson Wilhelm and senior Rob Dennis all followed Landry, finishing second, third and fourth with times of 24:31.4, 24:35.8 and 24:45.3, respectively. The surge of Tribe runners continued as 10 College runners received All-CAA honors by placing in the top 12. Among the 10 were three freshmen and two sophomores, a testament to both the depth and youth of the College.

"A lot of runners had breakthrough performances, including Patterson Wilhelm," Gibby said. "His success, along with others, was just a product of time as a lot of the guys have continued improving."

George Mason University and Georgia State University came up short of the Tribe's 16-point total to finish second and third in the field of eight with 57 and 96 points,

respectively. The victory gave the College its 15th championship in the 25-year history of the conference meet.

Some of the team will head to the Cavalier Open in Charlottesville

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COURTESY PHOTO — JONATHAN SEIDEN

Senior Christo Landry.

LOGO DECISION

Trademark issues hold up new logo

By JEFF DOOLEY

Flat Hat Sports Editor

The College's logo committee did not consider trademark issues when setting the timetable for releasing the school's new logo, Vice President of Student Affairs Sam Sadler said.

The committee completed their work on the logo and submitted it to College President Gene Nichol in time for him to unveil it at homecoming, as had been their plan all along, only to discover that they first must get the logo trademarked.

"It totally escaped us," Sadler said. "We were intent on doing our thing and getting it to the president before homecoming and we did ... I don't know where our head was, but clearly it was somewhere else."

Sadler said that Nichol told him he was "enthusiastic" about the committee's recommendation. The artwork for the design was produced for the College, using the logo committee's ideas and recommendations, by Phoenix

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